

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY FOR FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides any support to private enterprises to adopt global state-of-the-art technological and managerial practices on their projects for the development of the food processing sector in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. For the development of the food processing sector, the Government has taken various initiatives to strengthen the Food Processing Infrastructure. Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing various schemes to provide financial support to private entrepreneurs to adopt state of the art, technological and managerial practices.

Under the Scheme for infrastructure development with the component of Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain, Value Added Centres and Modernization of Abattoirs, financial assistance is provided in the form of grants-in-aid upto Rs. 50 crores for Mega Food Park, Rs 10 crore for integrated Cold Chain and Rs. 15 crore for Modernization of Abattoir per project to adopt global state of the art technological and managerial practices on these projects. The Infrastructure scheme envisages a well-defined agri/horticultural-processing zone containing state of the art processing facilities with support infrastructure and well established supply chain. It aims to provide a mechanism to bring together farmers, processors and retailers and link agricultural production to the market so as to ensure maximization of value addition, minimization of wastages and improving farmers' income. The primary objective of the scheme is to facilitate establishment of an integrated value chain, with processing at the core and supported by requisite forward and backward linkages.

Under plan scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries. The Ministry extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas and @33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarkhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas with a view to provide support to the entrepreneurs for upgradation and adoption of state of the art technologies.

Apart from this, Government is also implementing several other Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for support of R&D, Food Testing Labs, Implementation of Quality Systems such as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), Human Resource Development to encourage private entrepreneurs not only to adopt global state of the art technologies but also the managerial practices on their projects for the development of food processing sector.